

## Introduced by Senator Escutia

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An act to amend Sections 26505 and 26506 of the Public Resources Code, relating to hazardous substances.

## LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 805, as introduced, Escutia. Geologic hazards.

Under existing law, a geologic hazard abatement district may be formed pursuant to specified provisions for the purpose of prevention, mitigation, abatement, or control of a geologic hazard, as defined.

This bill would revise the definition of "improvement," for those purposes, to include services with respect to remedial action for the cleanup or the removal of a hazardous substance.

This bill would change the name of geologic hazard abatement districts to geologic and environmental hazard abatement districts.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 26505 of the Public Resources Code is  
2 amended to read:  
3 26505. "Improvement" means ~~any~~ *an* activity that is  
4 necessary or incidental to the prevention, mitigation, abatement,  
5 or control of a geologic hazard, including, but not limited to, all  
6 of the following:  
7 (a) Acquisition of property or any interest therein.  
8 (b) Construction.  
9 (c) Maintenance, repair, or operation of any improvement.



1 (d) Preparation of geologic reports required pursuant to  
2 Section 2623 for multiple projects within an earthquake fault zone  
3 or zones.

4 (e) *(1) Services with respect to remedial action for the cleanup*  
5 *or removal of a hazardous substance released or threatened to be*  
6 *released into the environment.*

7 (2) *For purposes of this subdivision, the following definitions*  
8 *apply:*

9 (A) *“Remedial action” has the same meaning as set forth in*  
10 *Section 25322 of the Health and Safety Code.*

11 (B) *“Removal” has the same meaning as set forth in Section*  
12 *25323 of the Health and Safety Code.*

13 (C) *“Hazardous substance” has the same meaning as set forth*  
14 *in Section 25281 of the Health and Safety Code.*

15 (f) Issuance and servicing of bonds, notes, or debentures issued  
16 to finance the costs of the improvements specified in subdivisions  
17 (a), (b), (c), ~~and~~ (d), and (e).

18 SEC. 2. Section 26506 of the Public Resources Code is  
19 amended to read:

20 26506. “District” means a geologic *and environmental*  
21 hazard abatement district created pursuant to this division.

22 (b) *On and after January 1, 2004, “geologic hazard abatement*  
23 *district” means “geologic and environmental hazard abatement*  
24 *district.”*

